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My dear Mirza.

I am rad writing to you about the talk I had with Sir Wm Pope. yesterday afternoon. Mr. Bhabha. who left here for Bombay last night. kindly arranged the meeting. The talk lasted for nearly an hour and a half and the subject was. needless to add. the Indian Institute of Science.

in the main. On the whole the interview was. from my point of thinking. a satisfactory one.

Taking advantage of the circumstance that I am under the same roof as Sir Ashutosh at present. I have been having frank talks with him in the same matter. & I feel convinced that in him we have a most doughty champion of our - i.e. Indian - cause. Last night I told him what had happened at my interview with Sir Wm & I think. that what I had said met with his general approval.

The Dewan is aware of my interview with Sir Wm for I told him about it myself. You may submit this to His Highness. if you think it may be done. Yours Sincerely, P Ray Lashkar Rao

At the meeting of the Council held on Thursday last it was decided to furnish the Committee of Enquiry with a statement giving expression to the views of the Govt in the matter of the terms of reference but. and last Monday morning there was an informal discussion in the chambers of the Finst member. at which Dr was present as chairman of the Bd. of Sc. Advice. So when I met Sir Wm. it was after I had taken part in the discussion. Our talk was quite informal, with a free exchange of views. In the matter of the staff. fees. & patent rights I gave expression to my own personal views. I found that Sir Wm. was generally sympathetic & desirous of doing what lay in his power to set the institution right. During the course of conversation the subject of Sandalwood oil came up & I had to do some very plain speaking for I found that Sir Wm. had not quite an open mind about it. This appeared to me to be very unfortunate. but I did what I could to dispel what I thought were misconceptions